

COMMENCEMENT BAY NRDA RESTORATION

Fact Sheet HMW-1

Hylebos Marsh - City Project 4

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HYLEBOS MARSH and WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION

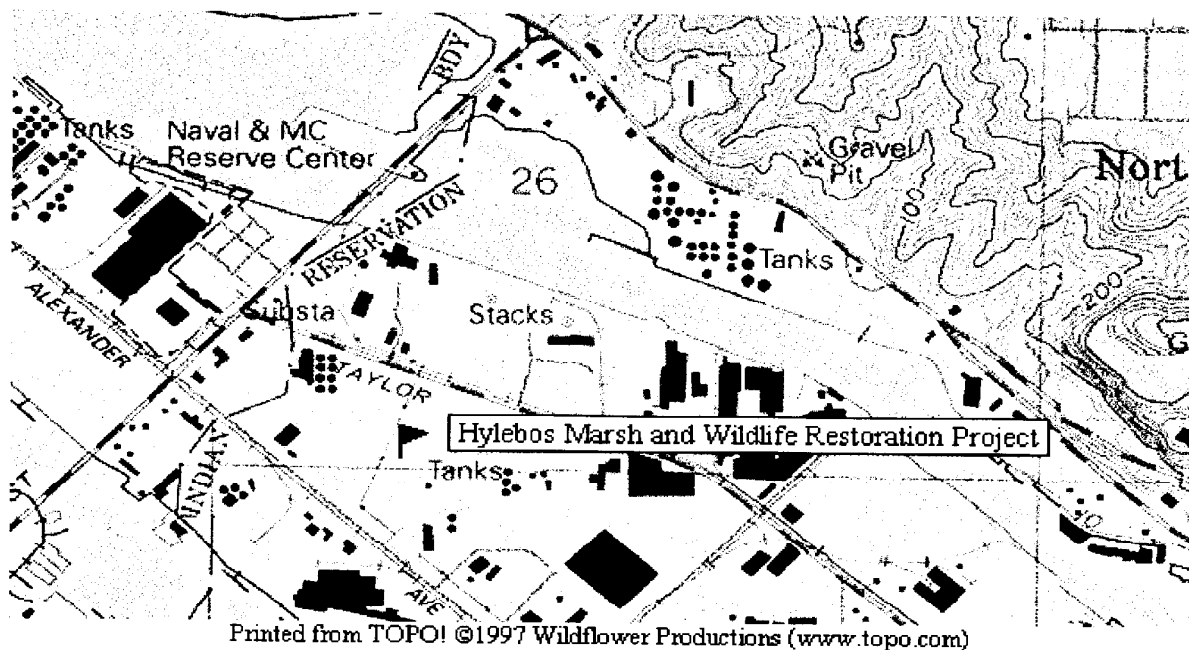
VISION: The City of Tacoma, as part of their Commencement Bay Natural Resource Damage Assessment (CB/NRDA) settlement, will develop a marsh and wildlife habitat restoration project on 9.9 acres of property in the Tacoma tideflats between Taylor Way and Alexander Avenue, near the Hylebos and Blair Waterways (see figure below). The project will be developed on a 8.2-acre property that is owned by the City of Tacoma Public Utilities and a second, adjacent 1.7-acre property, which is being purchased by the City of Tacoma Department of Public Works for this restoration project.

GOAL: The project goal is to develop and enhance open water, emergent, and riparian freshwater habitat in order to promote the habitat values associated with these freshwater wetland systems, including nesting, refuge and feeding opportunities for a variety of avian species in the Commencement Bay area.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Create of open water habitat for wetland dependent species;
2. Remove invasive plant species;
3. Plant native riparian vegetation;
4. Provide a permanent source of water for the wetland areas;
5. Preserve on-site forested wetlands;
6. Create additional wetland habitat and improve the linkage between the somewhat isolated forested wetland environments in order to provide a continuous complex of freshwater wetland and wildlife habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION:



**PART 1: SPECIFIC PROJECT ELEMENTS UNDER INITIAL
CONCEPT PLAN TO ACHIEVE GOAL:**

1. Create 0.45 acres of palustrine, open water wetland.
2. Preserve 4.5 acres of forested and shrub-scrub wetland.
3. Remove established invasive species in all buffer areas.
4. Plant native riparian vegetation in 3.0 acres of wetland buffer and 4,000 square feet of existing wetland.
5. Provide summer water level maintenance in non-forested wetland areas.
6. Install a public education viewing area on Taylor Way.
7. Monitor and maintain the restoration project site.

**PART 2: INITIAL DESIGN PHASE -
SCHEDULE AND STATUS REPORT:**

1. The start date for this project is the date of the Consent Decree Entry plus three years except that the deed restrictions will be filed within 180 days of the entry of the Consent decree or acquisition.
2. A permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be filed within 30 days of the City of Tacoma notice of exemption or approval of the shoreline/wetlands permits.
3. Application for State Water Quality Certification and Hydraulic Permit application will be filed during the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers review.
4. Construction, Maintenance, Monitoring/Adaptive Management Plans will be filed with the Natural Resource Trustees within 90 days of the Corps permit application.
5. Notice of completion will be filed with the Natural Resource Trustees within 300 days of the permit and plan approval.
6. Tasks include:
 - a. Baseline Habitat Data Collection
 - b. Preliminary Design
 - c. Shoreline/Wetlands Permit Applications
 - d. Deed Restriction filing
 - e. Shoreline/Wetland Permit Review
 - f. City Shoreline/Wetland Permit approval
 - g. State Shoreline Permit Approval
 - h. Corps of Engineers' Permit Review
 - i. Final Design
 - j. Construction, Maintenance, Monitoring/Adaptive Management Plan drafting/approval
 - k. Bid and Contract
 - l. Construction oversight
 - m. Monitoring

How can the public stay informed and be involved?

Public participation is an important component of restoration planning by helping the Trustees select and shape restoration projects. You are encouraged to become involved in the restoration planning process because the natural resources in Commencement Bay are your resources. The CB/NRDA Trustees hold quarterly public meetings. If you have questions or would like to be on a mailing list to receive notice of opportunities to participate, please contact:

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Public notices and meetings will also be announced at <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/cb.htm>.
Project Plans (Attachments to the Consent Decree) may also be downloaded from this site.
